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**Event: PLEA**

**Defendant: Quinnon Martin, III, 44, of Detroit, Michigan**

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**FORMER DETROIT POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD**

Former Detroit Police Officer, Quinnon Martin, III, 44 of Detroit, pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan to the charge of making a false statement to a federal agency, a felony punishable by a maximum of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

Martin's conviction stems from his false application for a 50% reduction in the purchase price of a Detroit home under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Officer Next Door" program. In August of 2000, Martin claimed when he applied for a \$22,500 discount on a home he bought on Lappin Street in Detroit that he would live in the home for at least three years. However, Martin did not live there; rather, he leased the property, in violation of the letter and spirit of the Officer Next Door program, as well as federal law. Since the time of his offense, Martin has resigned from the Detroit Police Department. Under terms of a plea agreement, Martin faces a maximum of 6 months imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000. Martin must also pay full restitution to HUD for the discount he received.

In announcing the indictment, United States Attorney Craig S. Morford commended the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their investigation of the case. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Michael Bullotta.